

HELP! HOW DO I BEGIN!

Teacher-Librarian Induction

Criteria For Successful Booktalks

1. Entice the audience. Décor, displays, costume, realia, and multimedia clips are great hooks to set the stage.
2. Choose resources that you have read and are excited about.
3. Set the purpose for the booktalk – incorporate strategy instruction
4. Provide the title, author name, other titles, if part of a series, and genre.
5. Stop and discuss the book when the story or expository text warrants.
6. For younger audiences, mix in movement activities (action songs, etc.) to alleviate restlessness.
7. For older audiences, read short excerpts of novels. Choose descriptive and exciting sections, weird facts, or humorous bits for the read-aloud.
8. Include a variety of genres – narrative, poetry, expository, editorials, etc. to reach a wide variety of audiences.
9. Mention related titles or other books by this author.
10. Leave students wanting more...